



Public Review Comment Form

The purpose of the comment form is to stress areas to focus on while reviewing the documents. Provide your responses below and extrapolate where you feel necessary. Your input will improve our ability to protect public health. While we are providing the public with an opportunity to comment via the web, we are also willing to hold a public comment session. If you are interested in attending a public comment session please indicate below. Based upon response, we will inform interested parties if a public comment session is scheduled.

I would like to attend a public comment session: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please provide the following information so we can contact you:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please review the following documents: "[Risk-Based Beach Evaluation and Classification](#)", "[Coastal Recreational Waters and Beach Tiers](#)", "[Tiered Monitoring Plan](#)", "[Public Notification and Risk Communication Plan](#)."

Risk-Based Beach Evaluation and Classification

The purpose of this document is to provide a mechanism to rank beaches based on their potential health threat to bathers. Beaches are given a Tier I or II status after receiving a numerical score. Tier I beaches are high priority and pose a greater threat to public health. Tier II beaches are low priority and pose a lesser threat to public health.

1. The checklist is divided into three categories, Beach History, Microbial Pathogen Sources, and Beach Use. Will these categories provide enough information to assess a beach's potential health risk?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Should the beach's importance to the local economy and the public be considered?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Is the checklist easy to understand?

☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Do you feel this process can be applied to freshwater beaches?

☐Yes

☐No

5. How might the beach evaluation process be improved? Please provide additional comments below.

Coastal Recreational Waters and Beach Tiers

1. Do you think the definition of coastal recreational waters is acceptable?

☐Yes

☐No

2. Do you agree with the areas listed as primary contact recreation and secondary contact recreation?

☐Yes

☐No

3. Do you know of other recreational areas not listed that we should consider?

☐Yes

☐No

Tiered Monitoring Plan

1. Do you think a tiered approach to monitoring is beneficial to protecting public health?

☐Yes

☐No

2. Will the Two Tiered system effectively protect public health?

☐Yes

☐No

3. Should there be a Tier III level added to the plan?

☐Yes

☐No

4. If a Tier III level was added to the plan, what monitoring strategy should be adopted?

5. In your opinion, can this plan be easily adopted for freshwater beaches?

☐Yes

☐No

6. Would you like to see a similar plan applied to freshwater beaches?

☐Yes

☐No

Public Notification and Risk Communication Plan

1. Should we issue advisories for reasons other than elevated bacteria and cyanobacteria concentrations?

☐Yes

☐No

2. If yes to the above question, what other advisories do you feel are important?

3. Do you think the Public Notification Plan effectively reaches the intended audience?

☐Yes

☐No

4. If no to the above question, how may we improve the current system?

5. What do you think are the most effective ways to notify the public of health threats?

☐Yes

☐No

Other Comments

Please provide additional comments below.